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THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1880.

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FOR THE YE	AR ENDI	NG DECEMBER 31,	1880.
AMOUNT OF LEDGER ASSETS, Jan. 1 1880	31,960,997 62	dends will be declared.	surplus, reversionary divi- available on settlement of to ordinary participating
The second secon		The valuation of the	policies outstanding has
Premiums	6,832,945 06 1.773,705 61 129,047 76	legal standard of the str	rican experience table the
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DISBURSEMENTS.	attachers are	We, the undersigned.	have, in person, carefully and counted and examined
Claims by death and matured endow-	4.00	in detail the assets of t	he appliety, and enetify that
Dividends, surrender values, and an-	2,507,564 84	the foregoing statemen	t thereof is correct. NGTON F. RANDOLPH,
nuities	2,106,410 04	JAMES	M. HALSTED
Discounted endowment and matured tontine policies	178 968 09	HENRY	S A CUMMINS, S. TERBELL,
southe botteressum.	110 mg/ 02	JOHN 8	LOANE.
Total paid policy holders \$	4,799,937 97	Special Committee of	the Roard of Directors
Dividend on capital	7,000 00 821,427 00 596,639 36	appointed Oct. 27, 1880, to examine the assets and accounts at the close of the year.	
State, county and city taxes	88,848 70		DIRECTORS.
Net cash assets, Dec. 31, 1889 \$:	58,409,844 02	Henry B. Hyde, George D. Morgan, George T. Adee, Henry A. Hurtbat,	John A. Stewart, John D. Jones, Robert Lenox Kennedy, Chauncy M. Depew.
Bonds and mortgages \$	9,053,47.50	Henry F. Spaulding.	B. slamin Williamson.
United States stocks	2,513,591 00	William H. Pogg. William A. Wheelock, Parker Handy,	Henry M. Alexander, William Walker, Henry Day.
of New York	6,967,422 47	William G. Lambert,	E. Bondinot Colt,
	7,064,562 88	Henry G. Marquand	Thomas A. Biddle.
Real estate in New York and Boston and purchased under foreclosure	8,368,363 62	James W. Alexander, Henry S. Terbell	George W. Carleton, George G. Kellogg,
Cash on hand in banks and other de-	NEWSTRANSFOR AND	Thomas S. Young, Thomas A. Cammins,	Jose P. Navarro, John J. McCook,
	2,183,007 23	Robert Bliss.	W. Whitewright.
Due from agents on account of pre-		Daniel D. Lord.	Stephen H. Phillips.
miume	239,421 32	James M. Halstead, Horace Porter.	Samuel W. Torrey,
	8,409,844 02	Edward W. Himbert,	Charles G. Landon, Samuel Holmes.
Market value of stocks and bonds		H. F. Randolph.	Theodore Weston.
	1,521,051,28	Alanson Track,	Alexander P. Irvin,
Interest and rents due and accrued.	363,805 66	John Sloane,	T. DoWitt Cuyler,
Premiums due and in process of collection (less premiums paid in		Ashbel Green, Samuel Borrowe,	Louis Fitzgerald. William M. Bliss.
advance. \$62.001)	163,339 00	Henry N Butter.	William Alexander

Market value of stocks and bonds over cost
Interest and rents due and accrued.
Premiums due and in process of
collection (less premiums paid in
advance, \$(2.091) Total assets, Dec. 31, 1880...... \$ 41,108,602 32 Total itabilities including legal re serve for reinsurance of all exist-ing policies..... Total undivided surplus.... 9,228,294 21

Of which belongs (as computed) to pelicies in general class.... Of which belongs (as computed) to policies in tontine class.....

4.945,064 21

Risks Assumed in 1880, \$35,170,805 00 Risks Outstanding - \$177,597,703 00

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Attorney—William Hendricks.

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Circuit Clerk—A. H. Irvin.
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"Oh, My God, How I Did Suf-

"I Earnestly Prayed to Die."

L have been afflicted for twenty years with an ebstinate skin disease, called by some M. D. Psoriasis, and others Leprosy, commencing on my scalp, and to spite all I could do, with the help of the most skilful doctors, it slowly but sharely extended, until a year ago this winter it covered my entire person in form of dry scales. For the last three years I have been unable to do any labor, and suffered intenselyall the time. Every morning there could be nearly a dust panful of scales taken from the sheet on my bed, some of them half as large as the envelope containing this letter. In the latter part of the winter my skin commences cracking open. I tried everything, almost, that could be thought of, without any relief. The 12th of June I started west, in hopes I could reach the Hot Springs. I reached Detroit, and was so low I thought I should have to go to the hospital, but finally got as far as Lansing, Mich .. where I had a sister living. One Dr. ---- treated

where I had a sister living. One Dr. ——treated me about two wacks but did me no good. All thought I had but a short time to live. I carnestly prayed to die, Cracked through the skin all over the back, across my fibs, arms, hands, limbs, feet, badly swollen, toe nails came off, finger nails dead and hard as bone, hair dead, dry and lifeless as old straw. O, my God, now I did suffer.

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\$1 16% Corn-Oct, 55%er Sep, 54%c. Oats- Sep 32%; Oct. 33.% CHICAGO, August 11, 12 M .-

Pork-Sep 17 471/4; Oct. 17 571/4. Wheat - Oct, \$1 16%; September,

Corn-Sep, 541/2c; Oct, 55%. Oats-Oct, 32%; Sep. 32%@%. CHICAGO, August 11, 1 P. M .-Perk - Oct, \$17 55; August, September \$12 45.

Wheat - Oct, \$1 161/2; Sept, Corn-Oct, 55%c; August, 54c; Sep-

tember, 541/4c. Oats-Oct 32%@%; Sep, 32%

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-In Texas there lived a fair maid, And a fellow he called her a jade:
She grabbed for a gun,
He started to run,
But was neatly and instantly slayed.
"Dust shoe deep" is an expressive

phrase from Texas. Mr. John P. Bowman of New York, has expended nearly \$100,000 for a mausoleum at Cuttingsville, Vt.

There is to be a Swiss national exposition in Zurich in 1883. The Swiss confederation will grant a subsidy of 400,000 francs.

Canadian papers admit that the tariff question is growing apace in England and bids fair to supersede even the land question. Amina Broschetti, a ballet-dancer,

who died lately in Naples, left a large fortune, including three places at Na-ples, one at Portici, carriages, diamonds, stocks, etc.

About four thousand seals were taken at Cape Flattery this season. All the schooners are leaving the grounds. There were thirteen engaged in the trade. None made money.

The Prussian government has or-

dered the provincial authorities to send detailed information of the extent and causes of emigration, which, however, has somewhat slackened in some dis-

The population of Victoria City, B. C., exclusive of Indiaus, has been ascertained by the census enumerators to be 6,364. The population of the prov-ince, exclusive of Indians, will be found to be 25,000.

Missionary Ridge, near Chattanooga, was the site of one of the most depisive battles of the civil war. It was a wild.

rugged place worth a dollar or so an acre. Now it is covered with orch-

There is a movement on foot to pay workmen on Fridays instead of Saturdays, thus preventing the drunkenness so often consequent on a "lay off" following pay day, and the subsequent "blue Monday."

According to a statement recently made in the British Parliament, in no less than eighteen months no fewer than fifty Europeans have been cruelly put to death by the Polynesian islanders for what are termed "cannibalistic reasons."

The British government intend, if possible, to introduce a municipal re-form bill of London next session, which will change the ancient and distinct system of the "city" as distinguished from the rest of the metropolis. From 1875 to 1878, 280 cases of suicide

were registered per 1,000,000 inhabi-tants in Berlin, 285 in Vienna, 450 in Leipsic, and only 85 in London. Paris, with 400 suicides, nearly approaches the startling figure of Leipsic.

Mr. Oscar A. Phelps, of Guilford,
Conn., found in a field in that town a

few days since a pine-tree shilling of the date of 1652, the year in which Capt. John Hall, of Massachusetts, began manufacturing these coins.

The New York postoffice has been for a long time a most profitable insti-tution, and it is becoming more so every day. The receipts over expendi-tures amount to over \$300,000 per an-

num, and are increasing at the rate of \$500,000 per year. Count Baworouski has left his fortune of 2,000,000 guldens to the Austrian province of Galicia for scientific and

philanthropic purposes. The capital is first to accumulate to ten millions; half of it is then to be expended and the rest allowed to accumulate to twenty millions.

After four marriages of a conventional sort, and after arriving at the age of 80, a Kentuckian eloped at night on horseback with the youthful belle of Buckner, hastened romantically to a clergyman twenty miles away, was chased by the angry father, and is now enjoying a honeymoon tour.

The Oberammergau "Passion Play"

performers are, it is announced, about to give several performances of the comedy "Phillippine Weiser," by Red-witz, in their new building, being their first attempt in secular theatricals. Maier, who represented Christ in the "Passion Play" last year, will take the part of Welser.

In San Francisco a handsome Italian woman of 80, with silver hair, is a professional beggar. She owns three houses, for which she receives in rents \$180 a month. At night she sits in a comfortable room, sipping wine with a masculine beggar who, during the daytime, plays a musical instrument on the streets.

One of the grand mansions once this year in is Hertford house, famous for its hospitalities in the days of the regency, but after that, for a quarter of a century. merely a repository for ourchases of art made by the late marquis of Hartford. It is the Gaunt house of "Vanity Fair."

Sir Richard Wallace now has it. Paris at the present time contains forty regularly organized Protestant churches. In addition to these there are eight which use the English language, of which three are connected with the Church of England and one with the Protest at Lascopal church. There is also a greek church, and a Russo-Greek, and the congregation of Mr. Lyson. There are thus fifty-one non-Catholic places of worship, besides the twenty-six stations of the McCall mission.

In many localities there is a dearth of honey-producing flowers during the fall months. Those of you who can should sow at least a few acres of buckwheat. The silver hull variety is probably the best, as it blooms longer, has more numerous flowers, and yields more grain per acre. Buckwheat honey is inferior in color and flavor, although some people much prefer it to almost any other kind of honey.

The capacity of the steel works of the world is estimated at about 3,000,000 tons a year. The Bessemer Works, in England, contribute about 800,000 tons; the United States about 750,000 tons more; Germany, about 500,000; France, about 275,000; Belgium, 150,000; Austria, 250,000; and Russia and Sweden about 150,000.

Sir Josiah Mason, a man who was in early youth a shoemaker, and afterward a carpenter, and who became immensely wealthy, has just died in England. He made most of his money as a manufacturer of split-wrings and steel pens. He built and endowed many charitable and educational institutions, and in recognition of his munificent gifts and public services he was created a Knight in 1872.

Persons who believe that good luck never goes with the number 13, should no longer adhere inflexibly to their superstition, especially in the matter of horse-races. It is recalled that last year the winner of the Grand Prix at Longchamps bore that number, and that Foxhall's place on the list this year was No. 13 too. One would hardly plead that two exceptions in succession are required to prove a rule.

At Kidderminster, in England, has been unveiled, near the Town Hall, the memorial statue of Sir Rowland Hill, to which some 200,000 persons in all parts of the world have contributed, nearly all the contributions being a penny each. In the same square, and executed by the same artist—Mr. Brock -stands a similar monument to Richard Baxter. In the year that Rowland Hill-was born at Kidderminster was also born there the late Joseph Mason, and it is in contemplation to set up a statue of him also. The monument of Sir Rowland is ten feet high and of white Sicilian marble.

A "Noah's Ark Race" was introduced at the recent Madras fair, and was a handicap for all animals bred in the country, the competitors including buf-faloes, elephants, a goat, ram, emu and

eik, and other creatures, besides ponies and horses. The elephants were as placid as if moving in a marriage procession, and went over the course at a quick walk. The ram and goat, ridden by little boys, ran well, and the buffaloes went at a good gallop, but the emu would not stir, neither would the elk, until the end of the race, when it took fright and darted down the course at great speed. Finally a ram was the winner, a horse coming second and a buffalo third.

A Two-and-a-Half-Dollar Christian. There are very many people in their religion that remind me of "Uncle Phil," a pious old darkey of the old times in Texas. Well, Phil was a fer-

vent christian, with a great gift of prayer. He attended all the Sunday night prayer-meetings on the neighboring plantations, and could pray louder and longer than any of the brethren. But Phil had one weakness, he dearly loved money, and, different from the negro generally, he loved to hoard it. Near by us lived a man, who, not troubled by any scruples, would pay Phil a dellar to work in his field on Sundays. One Sunday night, as Phil

"Where have you been, Phil?"

came home after dark, I accosted him

"Oh, just knocking about, massa."
"You have been working for Miller." "Well, you see, massa, the old fellow is in needs, and he jest showed me a silver dollar, and I jest couldn't stand

"Ain't you afraid the devil will get you for breaking the Sabbath?" Phil scratched his head a minute,

and said: "I guess the Lord'll excuse me, massa."

"No. He says, 'Remember the Sab-bath day and keep it holy.' " Phil went off looking pretty sober, and it was not long before I heard his voice in fervent prayer back of the barn, and so I thought I would slip

down near enough to hear.
"O Lord," I heard him say, "I have this day ripped and teared, cussed and sweared at them confounded oxen of Miller's, and just broke the Sabbath day. O Lord! please forgive me, please forgive me, for you know I'se nothing but a miserable heathen anyhow. If you'll jest forgive me this time, I'll never do it again as long as I live,

'cepting he give me \$2.50 a day."

At this point I was obliged to beat a hasty retreat, but I'm thinking that poor Uncle Phil isn't the only \$2.50 christian in the world. - Louisville Christian Observer.

One of A. H. Stephens's Stories.
Representative Aleck Stephens tells an anecdote illustrating how late in life a woman's sensitiveness about her age may last. He says that at a time when it was known that the widow of President Madison was in such poverty as to really be suffering for the necessa-ries of life, a bill for her relief giving her a pen ion was introduced into the house, which he earnestly championed. He made a telling point in urging its immediate passage by saying: "Gen-tlemen, to-day the lady reaches the venerable age of 82 years, and it would be a particularly graceful thing for this house to honor the day by passing at once the bill for her relief. He laid such stress upon the matter and advocated the passage of the bill so warmly that it was passed on that day. He felt so elated with his triumph that he decided to take the news to her himself, and hastened at once to her residence. Some one, however, had preceded him and fully reported his speech to the lady, who, to his surprise, greet-ed him by saying: "Oh, thank you, Mr. Stephens, for getting my bill through, but you made a mistake when you said I was 82 to-day. I am not 82, I am only 80 to-day. That was a grave mistake." When Mr. Stephens repeat-ed this to Mrs. John J. Crittenden, one of Mrs. Madison's friends, who had told him her age, she said: "All the same, Mr. Stephens, it is true; she is really 82 years old." Mr. Stephens says he has never dared mention a lady's age since, however much he might hope to make an argument in her favor by so doing. — Washington Cor. of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Fashionable Fancy.

In Paris, that city of notions, dessert wines are slipped into satin cache bouteilles, the corks of which are heads with hair dressed in the fashion of the country whence the wine is produced. Alcante is in a pink satin bottle, and the cork or stopper is a Spanish girl with high comb. Port wine is in a garnet or ruby satin, with an Oporto beauty for its stopper, and she holds a fan in her hand. Pajarete wine is in a sulphur-colored bottle of satin, with a bull-fighter cork, &c.

Peruvian Bark.

In Quito it is called "Quina quina," signifying "bark of barks." The bark is first recorded to have been used as a medicine in 1600. It, however, derives its common name of chinchons from the Countess of Chinchon, who was cured of intermittent fever by quins, at Lima, in 1638. In 1640 she brought a supply of the bark to Spain, and in her honor Lineus named the genus chinchons.

The Jesuits introduced the bark into Italy, and its value was soon after generally recognized throughout Europe, though for some time its use was opposed by the Protestants. The home of the trees in South America was discovered by the French expedition which measured an arc of the meridian near Quito in 1735. The trees were felled without cessation, and in Humboldt's time the destruction was at the rate of twenty-five thousand trees a year. A good tree yields from one hundred and fifty to one hundred and seventy pounds of dried bark; in the best trees it peels off with great case.